Written Answers

STATEMENT IV

Scheme-wise allocations for Scheduled Tribes for 1991-92 in the Ministry of Welfare under Union Government

(Rs. in Crores)

| S.No | . Name of the Scheme | | | | | F | inancial outlay |
|------|---|-------|--------|-------|---|---|--------------------|
| 1. | Special Central Assistance (SCA) to States/UTs for | Triba | ıl Sut | -Plan | • | | 250.00 |
| 2. | Centrally Sponsored Schemes: | | | | | | |
| | (a) Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations . | | | | | | 2.25 |
| | (b) Girl's Hostels | | | | | | 4.00 |
| * 2 | (c) Boy's Hostels | | | | | | 2.67 |
| | (d) Research and Training | | | | | | 1.20 |
| | (e) Development of oilseeds and oils of tree origin in Tribal areas . | | | | | | 1.50 |
| | (f) Ashrams Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan areas | | | | | | 2.00 |
| | (g) Price Support to TRIFED | • | | | | | 1.00 |
| | (h) Grant-in-aid to TRIFED | | | | | | 2.00 |
| • | (i) Share Capital contribution to TRIFED . | | | | | | 8.00 |
| | (j) Schemes under first proviso to Article 275 (1) | | | | | | 20.00 |
| | (k) Grant-in-aid to State Government of Assam (no | n-pla | an). | | | • | 0.14 |
| | To | OTAI | | | | | 294.76 |

[Translation]

Arrest of Desertification process

858. Shri Girdhari Lal Bhargava: Will the Minister of Environment and Forests be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rajasthan, Haryana and Union Territory of Delhi are regions where excessive deforestation has been done:
- (b) whetter the said regions have been affected by desertification process: and
- (c) if so, the remedial measures taken to arrest the desertification process?

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (Shri Kamal Nath): (a) According to the Forest Cover Assessment made by the Forest Survey of India for the periods 1981-83 and 1985-87 there has been an increase in the Forest cover in Rajasthan and the Union Territory of Delhi. However, the State of Harvana has registered a decrease in Forest Cover to the extent of 81 Square Kms.

(b) and (c) Adequate data is not available to say whether or not the region has been affected by desertification process. However, various afforestation programmes are being undertaken by State Governments under the 20 Point programme. In addition. Government of India has started an E.E.C. assisted project called "Rehabilitation of Common in Aravali hills project" in the state of Haryana.